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SUBJECT: W/W (ARRESTS) ALI ALDILAM, 5/21/39, YEMEN

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTTEL, EMBASSY SENT DRIVER TO TAIZ WITH MESSAGES FOR HASSAN AL-NAHAN AND MOHAMED AL-SHOHATEE REQUESTING THEY VISIT CONSULAR SECTION. EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEE THEM UNTIL THEY HAVE FINISHED EID AL-ADHA CELEBRATIONS ABOUT NOV. 27 OR 28.

2. IN MEANTIME, ONE OF FOUR ARRESTEES, AHMED ALDILAM APPEARED AT EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION NOV. 16 AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. STATED HE, HIS BROTHER AND TWO COUSINS HAD BEEN UNDER ARREST AND JAILED IN IBB TOWN FOR FIVE DAYS, THEN RELEASED NOV. 15 AND ALLOWED TO DRIVE UNESCORTED IN THEIR OWN VEHICLE TO SANA IN ORDER TO MEET WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS. ALDILAM SAID THEIR RELEASE AND PASSAGE TO SANA HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY IBB CHAPTER OF COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

3. ALDILAM TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CARRY A MESSAGE TO AN OFFICIAL IN THE EMIGRANTS UNION HEADQUARTERS, AND HAD DONE SO. THAT OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY ARRANGED FOR AN AFTERNOON APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AND ALDILAM, FACING PROSPECT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER INCARCERATION AFTER THAT MEETING, HAD COME TO EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE AND TO LEAVE HIS PASSPORT AND CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION. CONSULAR OFFICER SAID HE WOULD ASSIST IF IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE, BUT ADVISED ALDILAM TO GO THROUGH WITH SCHEDULED MEETING. ALDILAM INSISTED HIS AND RELATIVES ARRESTS WERE INSTIGATED BY ALI ELMAWRI, WHO IS "VERY POWERFUL IN YEMEN," AND THAT HE AND OTHER

ALDILAMS KNEW LITTLE OF AND WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR
ELMAWRI'S PROBLEMS IN U.S.

4. IN MIDAFTERNOON, ALDILAM RETURNED TO CONSULAR SECTION,
TOLD CONSUL THAT HE NOW DID NOT WISH CONSUL TO INTERVENE
IN ANYWAY WITH MIN/INT OFFICIALS BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN
ADVISED SUCH ACTION MIGHT COMPLICATE HIS PLIGHT. ALDILAM'S
MAIN CONCERN SEEMED TO BE THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO RETURN
TO HIS VILLAGE FOR WEEK-LONG EID CELEBRATIONS, AFTER WHICH
HE WOULD BE "HAPPY" TO RETURN TO SANA AND SETTLE HIS
AFFAIRS. CONSUL TOLD ALDILAM HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST
IF NEEDED, AND ADVISED HIM TO ATTEMPT TO INFORM EMBASSY
OF OUTCOME OF MEETING. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING
FURTHER, AND BELIEVE ALDILAMS HAVE GONE BACK TO
VILLAGE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CASE CLOSELY.
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